

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Masaharu OKU et al.

Application No.: 09/347,525

Filed: July 6, 1999

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR THE LAMINATION OF BAND-SHAPED UNCURED RUBBER MATERIALS



Group Art Unit: 1733

Examiner: Geoffrey L. Knable

Docket No.: 103778

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**NOTICE OF APPEAL TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the Decision of the Primary Examiner dated July 28, 2003.

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X _____ Not required (fee paid in prior appeal in this application with no Board Decision on the merits).

The shortened statutory period having expired October 28, 2003, it is hereby requested that the period for response be extended for 3 months. Included in our enclosed check number 150360 is \$950 in payment of the fee for a 3 month extension of time for filing this Notice of Appeal.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 15-0461. Two duplicate copies of this document are enclosed.

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